



Clinical Congress News

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At opening ceremony

100 years of colon-rectal surgery celebrated

The inaugural presentation of the 1999 Clinical Congress, "The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons 1899-1999: A Century of Progress," was delivered by Herand Abcarian, MD, FACS, of Chicago, IL. Dr. Abcarian is executive director of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

Dr. Abcarian discussed the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons' (ASCRS) inception, evolution, and contributions. After 100 years, Dr. Abcarian said, ASCRS "remains strongly entrenched as a small but visible and active group."

The ASCRS was founded in 1899 as the American Proctologic Society by a small group of physicians in Columbus, OH, led by Dr. Joseph Mathews. A native of Kentucky, Dr. Mathews was the first physician in the country to establish a proctology department, and he wrote prolifically on the topic of diseases of the rectum.

As the 20th century progressed, Dr. Abcarian said, so did the contributions of the society to colon and rectal surgery.

For example, he said that by 1916 the specialty had generated sufficient interest for the American Medical Association to establish a section of proctology; in 1924, a joint meeting of the society was held with the Royal Society of Medicine; in 1930, the American College of Surgeons recognized proctology as a specialty; and in 1935, the American Board of Proctology was incorporated.

Dr. Abcarian said that, since its inception, the society has undertaken educational activities. The ASCRS established the first training program in proctology in this country (at the University of Minnesota)—today, it has 32 training programs in the U.S. and Canada.

The ASCRS publishes practice parameters, monitors socioeconomic events, offers a self-assessment program (CARSEP), and is productive in the area of certification/recertification, Dr. Abcarian said. He also told the audience that ASCRS is very active in such ACS areas as the postgraduate courses, specialty sessions, and interdisciplinary

panels of the Clinical Congress. "Eighty-five percent of the society's members are Fellows of the College," he said.

In concluding his outline of the achievements of this specialty organization, Dr. Abcarian said that the ASCRS maintains "a leadership role in industry innovations in areas such as suturing, stapling, and laparoscopy."

For meeting attendees or others interested in obtaining an audiotape of this Opening Ceremony Lecture, stop by the National Audio Video booth in the registration area of Moscone Center and inquire about session CC99-OP01.



Dr. Abcarian

Special program note

Dr. Hanlon to deliver Ethics lecture

Dr. Francis D. Moore, originally scheduled to present the Ethics and Philosophy Lecture on Wednesday, regrettably will not be in attendance at the Congress.

In his stead as the Ethics Lecturer will be C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, to deliver "The Ethics of Entrepreneurial Medicine" on Wednesday at 9:00 am in Moscone's Esplanade Ballroom. Dr. Hanlon is ACS Executive Consultant and former Director (1969-1986) and President (1987-1988).

According to Dr. Hanlon, the continuing march of commercialization and commodification in medicine is widely recognized, with managed care as its current dominant pattern. The financial restrictions and the "hassle factor" of managed care have elicited widespread complaints from patients and their physicians about this form of practice.

Aside from these strictures on the independence of decision-making by patients and physicians, there are ethical dilemmas inherent in the contractual relationship of doctors with a managed care entity as contrasted with the ethical covenant between patient and physician.

For the emerging group of medical students, residents and young practitioners, the essentiality of a solid grounding in ethical principles and practice is especially pertinent. Such a back-



Dr. Hanlon

ground will allow physicians to recognize and act by the individual ethic as opposed to the social, communitarian ethic that dominates commercialized practice today.

A restoration of trust between patient and physician is necessary to counter the growing and, at times, justified public notion that physicians do not place the welfare of patients above their own narrow interests. The touchstone of such a restoration resides more in our individual performance patient by patient, than it does in plaintive cries for unionization or collective bargaining.

All Congress participants are encouraged to attend this valuable presentation.



52 years at Clinical Congress!

Robert F. Krebsbach, consultant with Allegiance Healthcare Corporation/V. Mueller (center), is attending his 52nd consecutive Clinical Congress as a technical exhibitor. He was congratulated by ACS Interim Director David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS (right) and Jim Walsh, vice-president/general manager, Allegiance Healthcare Corporation/V. Mueller.

Surgical review and study key to success

Yesterday, the topic of "Anatomic Discovery and Operative Video Documentation to Improve Outcomes following Radical Prostatectomy—A Surgical Paradigm" was explored by Patrick C. Walsh, MD, at the annual American Urological Association Lecture. Dr. Walsh traced the development of prostatectomy "with the hope that it may inspire others to improve surgical procedures through anatomical discovery and the use of intraoperative video documentation." He said that, even today, basic anatomy may not be known or fully understood.

Dr. Walsh is director, James Buchanan Brady Urological Institute, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and David Hall McConnell Professor and director, department of urology, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

Radical perineal prostatectomy was first developed at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1904 by the renowned Hugh Hampton Young, Dr. Walsh said. However, the surgery never gained widespread acceptance due to its side effects—most men were left impotent, severe urinary incontinence was common, and blood loss was often exces-

sive.

These poor surgical results, according to Dr. Walsh, prompted a series of anatomical and other studies beginning in the 1970s in the following areas:

Anatomy of the dorsal vein complex. In studies to determine the nature of excessive bleeding during radical retropubic prostatectomy in the 1970s, it was discovered that the deep dorsal vein complex formed a common trunk just before it trifurcated into lateral plexuses and a superficial branch at the apex of the prostate. Dr. Walsh said this observation made it possible to control bleeding by ligating the dorsal vein complex just prior to its trifurcation, and improved the safety of the operation.

Autonomic innervation of the corpora cavernosa. In 1981, while performing fetal dissections in The Netherlands, Dr. Walsh and colleague Dr. Peiter Donker at Leiden University, were able to demonstrate that the prostate could be completely removed with preservation of the cavernous nerves. Further observations were confirmed using whole mount step-sections from carefully preserved cadavers and from fresh cadaveric dissections.

Anatomy of the striated sphincter continence mechanism. Dr. Walsh observed that in 1980, Oelrich observed that the sphincter complex responsible for passive urinary continence was a vertically oriented tubular sheath that completely envelopes the apex of the prostate in association with the dorsal vein complex.

Surgical technique. Dr. Walsh said that improved understanding of periprostatic anatomy made it possible to remove the prostate completely with less blood loss, discovery of the location of the cavernous branches of the pelvic plexus made it possible to preserve potency, and enhanced understanding of the sphincteric complex improved urinary continence.

Continuing to search for methods to improve this surgery, Dr. Walsh suggested studying minor variances in surgical technique, and a retrospective review of intraoperative videotapes. "Golfers, baseball players, and football coaches all use video reviews to improve their results—why shouldn't surgeons?" he asked.

"Today," he continued, "it is possible to cure prostate cancer in most men

with fewer side effects than in the past." Dr. Walsh compared statistics revealing that the death rate declines by 2 percent each year due to advanced diagnosis and better surgical treatment, even though prostate cancer rates have doubled since the 1980s.

Dr. Walsh studied the recovery of sexual function following radical prostatectomy, which he performed in 62 patients, and compared it with a videotape review of each procedure. He detailed the study and identified several steps that appeared to correlate with the recovery of sexual function.

The results revealed that for himself and other surgeons, the review of early successful cases may enable them to identify ways in which modification of surgical technique can improve results for future patients.

Dr. Walsh concluded by telling the audience that the reduction in morbidity of this procedure has been achieved through improved understanding of the periprostatic anatomy and retrospective scrutiny of intraoperative videotapes. He said he believes that application of these principles to other surgical procedures may meet with similar success.

Dr. Walt remembered

The College's 75th President, Alexander J. Walt, MD, FACS (1923-1996), internationally renowned as a surgeon, educator, and humanitarian, has been remembered in *Alexander J. Walt: Reflections*. The book's editors, Scott A. Dulchavsky, MD, FACS, and Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, have compiled 30 of Dr. Walt's writings on such topics as graduate medical education, the uniqueness of American surgical education, surgical humanism, and the future of surgery. Each of the papers in the 304-page book includes a commentary by a learned American surgeon.

Dr. Walt believed that "a cultured surgeon is a better surgeon," and this belief is evidenced in his presentations at many ACS meetings and in his lectures to residents. Always delivered with humor, wit, and graceful prose, Dr. Walt's extant writings are valuable for today's surgeons and students.

In prefatory material, editor Scott Dulchavsky states: "The selected papers that form the basis of this book evoke keen recollection of (Dr. Walt's) humor, wit, and personal challenges. The accompanying commentaries provide reference to the broad applicability and timelessness of Dr. Walt's



Dr. Walt

foresight for graduate medical education and surgery."

Co-editor Seymour Schwartz adds that "...with unfailing integrity, uncompromising commitment, and an infectious passion, Alex Walt loomed and will continue to loom as a conscience for the surgical community, and he will continue to serve as a guide to those of us who walked behind and along side him."

Dr. Dulchavsky is an associate professor at Wayne State University, and chief of surgery at Detroit (MI) Receiving Hospital. Dr. Schwartz is Distinguished Alumni Professor, University of Rochester (NY) School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* and the 78th President of the American College of Surgeons.

Alexander J. Walt: Reflections is available for \$29.95 per copy from Wayne State University Press, Leonard N. Simons Bldg., 4809 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201-1309; tel. 313/577-4603, fax 313/577-6131.

Copies of the book may be viewed in the Communications section of the ACS Resource Center, located in the technical exhibit area (booth 1017) of Moscone Center.

Congress Chronicle

First SF Congress a tribute to Franklin Martin

San Francisco hosted the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons for the first time in 1935. The meeting was dedicated to the memory of Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder and Director General of the College, who died on March 7th of that year.

During the Presidential Meeting that opened the 25th Congress, Robert B. Greenough, MD, FACS, offered a tribute of respect for Dr. Franklin:

"It was he who first saw the need and purpose of such an organization. It was to him that was vouchsafed the inspiration for the details of its organization,

and it was his own devotion to its ideals, and the extraordinary ability which he possessed to kindle such devotion in others which brought the College safely through its developmental period and gave it to us as a great and powerful instrument for the advancement of surgery and for the protection of the community as it exists today.

"We can honor the memory of Franklin Martin in no more practical way than by striving to carry on the work of the College which he loved to higher ideals and greater usefulness, and to this purpose we may well dedicate ourselves tonight."

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"Quivering King" queries quelled

At yesterday's History of Surgery Lecture on "The Quivering King—The Jamestown Settlement and a Misunderstood Monarch," Professor A. W. Beasley posited that the 17th century monarch King James (1566-1625) suffered from mild-to-moderate cerebral palsy.

A. W. Beasley, OBE, ED, FRCS(Ed), FRACS, FACS, of Wellington, New Zealand, is orthopaedic surgeon to the Wellington Artificial Limb Centre, and professorial research fellow, Central Institute of Technology, also in Wellington. Prof. Beasley has written not only on medical topics, but on surgical history, surgical heraldry, and other topics of historical interest.

King James I is perhaps best remembered as the commissioner of the 1611 authorized version of the *Bible* in English (known as the King James Version) and as the monarch who gave the Virginia Company its charter, thus enabling the first wave of English immigrants to America, who, in turn, honored the king's name in the Jamestown Settlement and the James River in Virginia.

Prof. Beasley outlined the milestones of James's life: The son of Mary Queen of Scots and Henry Stewart, Lord Darnley, James was born into a period of civil and religious tumult. He ascended the throne of Scotland upon the forced abdication of his mother when he was one year old. In 1585, his cousin, Elizabeth I, ordered the execution of his mother. Elizabeth, having no children of her own, named James the successor to the English throne, which he took in 1603.

Prof. Beasley then described his "search for the man behind the legend," since historians, he said, have given King James "a bad press." He noted that the 18th century historian, David Hume, wrote of the king, "Awkward in his manner and ungainly in his person, he was ill-qualified to command respect." And from the 20th century, Prof. Beasley quoted a 1972 historian (Stone):

His ungainly presence, mumbling speech and dirty ways did not inspire

respect...Reports of his blatantly homosexual attachments and his alcoholic excesses were diligently spread back to a horrified countryside...It was reported that when hunting the king did not dismount to relieve himself, and so habitually ended the day in a filthy and stinking condition.

Professor Beasley believes that "the scorn that has been heaped on James derives mostly from the assumption that his peculiarities were of his own choosing, that he slobbered because he was careless, that he leaned on other men's shoulders because he lusted after them; and that he soiled himself when hunting from a lack of self respect."

However, he continued, although historians may be unfairly harsh, it is difficult to obtain an accurate picture of the king based on the records of courtiers, since, "to flatter royalty was a form of life insurance in those days." So, Professor Beasley sifted through candid courtiers and objective observers of the time, such as Sir Anthony Weldon. (Weldon, dismissed from the king's court due to his "excessive candor" according to Prof. Beasley, left extant a manuscript titled *A Perfect Description of the People and Country of Scotland*.) Weldon offers the following description:

The king...was of a middle stature, more corpulent through his clothes than in his body, yet fat enough...his eyes large, ever rowling after any stranger that came in his presence, inasmuch as many have left the room, as being out of countenance; his beard was very thin; his tongue too large for his mouth, which ever made him speake full in the mouth, and made him drink very uncomely, as if eating his drink, which came out into the cup on each side of his mouth...his legs were very weake, having had...some foul play in his youth, or rather before he was born, that he was not able to stand a t seven years of age, that weaknesse made him ever leaning on other mens shoulders; his walk was ever circular, his fingers ever in that walk fiddling about his codpiece...

Prof. Beasley noted that James' own physician, Sir Theodore Turquet de

Mayerne, confirms Weldon's observations in his case records. Mayerne noted that:

- The king did not walk until the age of 6.
- His gullet was narrow, causing difficulties in swallowing.
- He often suffered bruises from frequent falls.
- In his youth, he had such pain and weakness in his foot that it was left with a permanent twist.
- He was clumsy when riding.
- Three times during his life he was seized with excruciating pain in his thighs, which twitched at night.

From these and other objective, historical observations, Prof. Beasley concluded that King James suffered from mild-to-moderate cerebral palsy. Although James was clumsy, he was considered "intellectually distinguished," according to Prof. Beasley, and, he continued, "Here is the whole tragedy (of



James—a distinguished intellect tethered to a disabled body."

He then showed the audience several portraits in which the royal artist's conscience outweighed his obligation to flatter the monarch, and hints of the king's condition are revealed that belie his condition, such as one that shows a slant forward in his face from the eyes to the upper lip and another that depicts him leaning

backwards, as "appropriate for a subject whose fixed equinus precludes standing erect with the foot plantigrade."

Finally, he said that "if the prophylia-induced madness of King George deserves our sympathy, then so, I believe, does the disability of that misunderstood monarch who gave his name to the Jamestown settlement: King James, VI of Scotland, I of the U.K., and founding patron of the Virginia Company."



Be sure to visit the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP) exhibit, located in the lower level North-South concourse of Moscone Center.

CESTE symposium on new technology

The ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) will sponsor a symposium on Wednesday to consider the complications of new surgical technology.

The symposium will take place from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in Room 303 of Moscone Center.

The application of new technologies to the surgical arena has dramatically impacted patient care. When is it appropriate to utilize a new device or instrument for patient care? Who insures that the surgeon is adequately trained in its use? What about informed consent for a new procedure? When is the new technology or procedure no longer experimental and when does it become accepted medical practice and the standard of care? If complications arise, who is responsible?

Panelists will present different viewpoints from the surgeon, industry, the FDA, the legal profession, and the hospital credentialing committee, allowing extensive time for audience questions.

Surgeon as "mentor" session planned

The Surgeon as Mentor: Teacher, Guide and Friend will be presented Wednesday, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in Room #301 at Moscone Center, and is sponsored by the Graduate Medical Education Committee. The complexity of our health care environment today makes mentoring more important than ever. This symposium will focus on why mentoring is important, how to establish mentoring relationships and what key messages to impart through mentoring. Dr. Lynn Weaver will be discussing mentoring for diversity, Dr. Clyde Barker mentoring for career development, Dr. Hiram Polk, Jr., mentoring for leadership, Dr. Susan McKinnon mentoring for academic development, Dr. Karen Guice mentoring for focused goals, and Dr. William Close will be discussing mentoring as the very key to our legacy. Individuals seeking to mentor and those seeking mentors will benefit from these surgical leaders sharing their expertise on this important and timely topic.

Washington, DC hosts 28th Spring Meeting

The 28th annual ACS Spring Meeting will be held April 30-May 3, 2000, at the Hilton Washington and Towers, Washington, D.C.

To emphasize its strong commitment to and support of general surgery, the American College of Surgeons devotes its annual Spring Meeting to the interests and needs of the practicing general surgeon.

The Advisory Council for Surgery has planned a program for the 2000 Spring Meeting that will be of interest to all general surgeons. Postgraduate hands-on courses in Image-Guided Breast Biopsy including Breast Ultrasound and Stereotactic Breast Biopsy, Ultrasound for Surgeons, Ultrasound in the Acute Setting, Vascular Ultrasound for Surgeons, Difficult Trauma Exposures - a Hands-on Practicum, and Surgical Education: Principles and Practices will provide didactic and workshop experience in these techniques that have become useful and necessary tools for the modern general surgeon.

The Assembly for General Surgeons

on Sunday, April 30, Successful Surgical Approaches to Managed Care, will focus on practical tactics for a successful working relationship with managed care organizations, as well as some of the pitfalls and problems encountered by surgeons as they strive to retain their role as patient advocates. This interactive general session encourages discussion by all in attendance, so that the views of practicing general surgeons on the important issues of the day can be shared.

Panels on Hernia, Reflux Esophagitis, Surgical Critical Care, and Taking Care of Your Own Patients in the ICU, "That Can't be the Ureter! Dealing with Unexpected Findings in the OR", and a Breast Disease Dialogue will be complemented by popular didactic courses in new directions in cancer care, minimal access surgery, and vascular surgery. The Film Program, Highlights of the 1999 Clinical Congress, will round out an exciting spring program.

To enhance the educational value of this meeting, technical exhibits will again be presented. More than 50 com-



panies will present products or services that relate to the practice of surgery.

Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidate Group members of the College will be receiving the 2000 Spring Meeting Preliminary Program and registration form in early February.

The preliminary program will be published in the January 2000 issue of the *Bulletin*. Also look for information on our Web site: www.facs.org beginning in January. Further registration information may be obtained from the Convention and Meetings Division at College headquarters.

2000 Spring Preliminary Meeting Program

Sunday, April 30

7:30 am-12:00 noon

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 1
(Core Lecture)
Image-guided Breast Biopsy
(4 hours)

8:00 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 2
Surgical Education: Principles And Practice
(6 hours)

1:00-5:30 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 3
Ultrasound For Surgeons
(8 hours) (Sunday and Monday)

1:30-5:00 pm

ASSEMBLY FOR GENERAL SURGEONS

Monday, May 1

7:30 am-12:00 noon

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 3 (Workshop)
Ultrasound For Surgeons
(8 hours) (Sunday and Monday)

8:30-10:30 am

GENERAL SESSION
Hernia

Moderator: Leigh Anne Neumayer, MD, FACS, Salt Lake City, UT

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE 4
Minimal Access Surgery
(6 hours)

11:00 am-12:00 noon

EXCELSIOR SURGICAL SOCIETY/
EDWARD D. CHURCHILL LECTURE
The Current Management Of Pancreatic Cancer
Lecturer: John L. Cameron, MD, FACS, Baltimore, MD

1:00-5:30 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 5 (Lecture)
Breast Ultrasound
(8 hours) (Monday and Tuesday)

1:30-5:00 pm

GENERAL SESSION
Reflux Esophagitis
Moderator: Andre Duranceau, MD, FACS, Montreal, PQ

7:00-9:30 pm

FILM PROGRAM
Highlights of The 1999 Clinical Congress
Introducer: William E. Matory, MD, FACS, Washington, DC

Tuesday, May 2

7:30 am-12:00 noon

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 5 (Workshop)
Breast Ultrasound
(8 hours) (Monday and Tuesday)

7:30 am-5:30 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 6
Ultrasound In The Acute Setting
(8 hours)

8:30-10:30 am

GENERAL SESSION

Surgical Critical Care: Taking Care Of Your Own Patients In The ICU
Moderator: Thomas V. Berne, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA

8:30 am-12:00 noon

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 7
Vascular Surgery, 2000
(6 hours)

1:30-5:00 pm

GENERAL SESSION
"That Can't Be The Ureter!": Dealing With Unexpected Findings In The OR
Moderator: John R. Potts III, MD, FACS, Houston, TX

Wednesday, May 3

7:30 am-5:30 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 8 (Lecture/Workshop)
Vascular Ultrasound
(8 hours)

7:30 am-5:30 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 9 (Lecture/Workshop)
Stereotactic Breast Biopsy
(8 hours)

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 10
New Directions In Cancer Care
(6 hours)

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 11
Difficult Operative Approaches In The

Trauma Patient
(6 hours)

9:00 am-12:00 noon

GENERAL SESSION
Breast Disease Dialogue
Moderator: Sally M. Knox, MD, FACS, Dallas, TX

Register online at: <http://www.facs.org>

Registration fees

Fellows: No Fee
Associate Fellows: No Fee
Participants in ACS Candidate Group: No Fee
Medical Students: No Fee (with verification letter)
Guest Physicians: \$375
Residents: \$100 (with verification letter)
Allied Health: \$150
Commercial Representative: \$375
(Fees are subject to change)

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Allied Meetings

Tuesday

Morning

ISDS (Formerly CICD)

6:30 am - 8:00 am Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 8,
Floor Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Indiana Chapter, ACS

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan B, Floor
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Surgical Journal Editors

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan C, Floor
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Socioeconomic Committee

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Executive Bd Rm,
Floor Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Standards Committee

8:00 am - 10:30 am Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 8,
Floor Four, Building 3

The Mont Reid Surgical Society of The University of Cincinnati

11:30 am - 2:00 pm Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 3,
Floor Ballroom, Bldgs 1,2,3

Afternoon

NSABP B32 Sentinel Node Trial Informational Meeting

12:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 4

American Society of General Surgeons

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 1,
Floor Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Pan American Trauma Society

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan B, Floor
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

A Symposium to discuss A Randomized, Phase III Clinical Trial to Compare SN Resection to Con- ventional Axillary Dissection in Clinically Node Negative Breast Cancer Patients

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Towers, Continen-
tal 4, Floor Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - CME Committee

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square9,
Floor Four, Building 3

Association for Surgical Education - Curriculum Committee

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific D, Floor Four

American Society of General Surgeons

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square2,
Floor Four, Building 3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Emerging Technologies

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers , Sunset, Floor
Lobby Level, Building 1

James IV Association of Surgeons, Inc.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 23-
24, Floor Four, Building 3

Evening

University of New Mexico Department of Surgery

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill A, Floor Lower B-2

ASE Educational Research Committee

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra G, Floor Five

University of California, San-Diego-Foundation for Surgical Education

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Mark Hopkins Intercontinental, Six Continents,
Floor Two

Brooklyn and Long Island Chapter, ACS

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan B, Floor 2

Tulane University Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite B, Ball-
room Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Baylor College of Medicine

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Plaza B, Floor
Lobby Level, Buildings 1,2,3

University of Rochester

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Towers, Continen-
tal 9, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

SUNY Health Science Center Syracuse/ Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan B,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Breast Surgeons

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Meeting
Moscone Center, Room 110, Exhibit Level

James D. Rives Surgical Society

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Oak Room, Floor 2

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Department of Surgery and Surgical Sciences

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Carnelian Room, Carnelian Room, Floor 55

Alternative Income Group

6:00 pm. Reception
Ritz Carlton, Colonnade Room

Columbia Presbyterian Surgical Alumni (John Jones Surgical Society) and P&S Alumni

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Vanderbilt Room, Terrace Level

Wayne State University Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Crystal, Lobby

University of Minnesota, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Pavilion, Lobby

New York Medical College Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Hunt, Mezzanine

Akron General Medical Center Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Barcelona I, Floor Third

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill C, Floor Lower B-2

John Jones Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Vanderbilt, Terrace

Maimonides Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Essex, Floor Two

Northwestern University Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite A, Ball-
room Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Towers, Continen-
tal 8, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Tufts Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 10,
Floor Four, Building 3

University of North Carolina Surgical Alumni, Nathan A. Womack Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 4,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Hong Kong Chapter, American College of Surgeons

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 5,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Washington Henry N. Harkins Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 6,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Department of Surgery, University of Louisville Reception for Alumni, Faculty and Friends

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 2,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Iowa Department of Surgery Alumni Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite C, Ball-
room Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Indiana University School of Medicine Alumni Asso- ciation and I.U. SOM Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 22,
Floor Four, Building 3

University of Illinois Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan D,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Roy D. McClure Surgical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 14,
Floor Four, Building 3

The Will C. Sealy Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 12,
Floor Four, Building 3

University of Oklahoma Surgical Society and the Department of Surgery, University of Oklahoma

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square8,
Floor Four, Building 3

Medical College of Ohio

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 9,
Floor Four, Building 3

U.C. Davis Surgical Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers , Union Square5-6,
Floor Four, Building 3

Department of Surgery/N.Y.U. Medical Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill D, Floor Lower B-2

Stanford University Depts. of Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 10, Floor Lower B-2

Loyola University Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hotel Monaco, TBA, Floor One

James IV Association of Surgeons

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 13,
Floor Four, Building 3

State University of New York at Buffalo, Depart- ment of Surgery and School of Medicine & Biomed- ical Science Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Rubens, Floor Four

Albany Medical College Alumni

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square7,
Floor Four, Building 3

Thoracic Surgery Directors Association/TSRA

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 12, Floor Lower B-2

South Carolina Chapter, ACS, and the Surgical training programs at the Medical University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville General Hospital, and Spartanburg Regional Medical Center

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 3, Floor Lower B-2

UMKC Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Oxford, Floor Two

Department of Surgery, SUNY at Stony Brook

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan D, Floor 2

Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square2,
Floor Four, Building 3

Fairview Hospital Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Raphael, Floor Four

Duke University Surgical Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Fountain, Lobby

University of Virginia School of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Virginia Chapter, ACT

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Gold, Lobby

Mayo Alumni Association

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 7,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 3,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Canadian Department of Surgery and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Rosewood, Lower
Level, Building 1

Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, and Case Western Reserve University

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Vista, Floor 45

University of Cincinnati, Case Western Reserve University, and Ohio State University

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Vista, Floor 45

Case Western Reserve University, Ohio State University, and University of Cincinnati

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Vista, Floor 45

New Jersey University Programs & ACS Chapter

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square3-4,
Floor Four, Building 3

Lahey Clinic

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 25,
Floor Four, Building 3

Society of Philippine Surgeons in America

6:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 1, Lower B-2

University of Massachusetts Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Sienna I, Floor Three

Christian Medical & Dental Society

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Dinner
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra H, Floor Five

Association of Iranian Surgeons

6:30 pm. Dinner Meeting
Meykadeh Restaurant, 470 Green Street

East Carolina University School of Medicine

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception
Ritz Carlton San Francisco, Floor One

Puerto Rico Chapter - ACS

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Cruise/Reception
Embarcadero Pier 40

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Allied Meetings

University of Mississippi Surgical Society
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific F, Floor Four

John Jones Surgical Society
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Dinner
Fairmont Hotel, Garden, Lobby

University of Utah, Department of Surgery
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan C, Floor 2

AUB Surgical Alumni Society
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Olympic Room, Floor Two

Israel Chapter, ACS
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 1, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Chirurgio Society
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 23-24, Floor Four, Building 3

Boston University School of Medicine
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Medical College of Georgia, Department of Surgery and Georgia Chapter, ACS
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 14, Floor Lower B-2

Israel Chapter, ACS
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 2, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Jefferson Medical College - Francis E Rosato Surgical Society
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner
Westin St. Francis, Borgia, Mezzanine

AUB Surgical Alumni Society
8:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Dinner
Westin St. Francis, California East, Floor 2

Wednesday

Morning

Association of Women Surgeons
6:30 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill, Floor Lower B-2

International Society of Surgery
6:45 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Mosby
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Plaza B, Floor Lobby Level, Buildings 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Membership
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 7, Floor Four, Building 3

International Network of Comprehensive Rectal Cancer Centers (INCRCC)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 9, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Tripler General Surgery
11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan A, Floor Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - RF Young Researchers
11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Sunset, Lobby

Don't miss your Friday CCN

Fellows who will not be in San Francisco on Friday to pick up their issue of the *Clinical Congress News* may obtain a copy by contacting the CCN office in Moscone's North Hall (978-3523).

The Friday CCN issue contains information on:

- Coverage of the Presidential Address of James C. Thompson, MD, FACS
- Convocation activities
- Announcement of the Distinguished Service Award recipient
- An announcement of the College's President-Elect and other officers-elect
- Information on new and re-elected Regents and Governors

Also, any back issues of this week's *Clinical Congress News* issues may be obtained after the Congress by contacting Stephen Regnier, ACS Communications Dept., 633 N. St. Clair St., Chicago, IL, 60611-3211; tel.: 312/202-5331, or e-mail sregnier@facs.org.

Learn more about CAS-ACS

Information and application forms for the Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS) may be obtained at the Fellowship booth located in the ACS Resource Center during Clinical Congress.

Following the Congress, questions regarding the CAS-ACS may be directed to Emily Reynolds at 312/202-5231 or e-mail ereynolds@facs.org. To obtain an application for the CAS-ACS, contact Irene Kulyk at 312/202-5268 or e-mail ikulyk@facs.org.

Program Changes

Tuesday, October 12

Motion Picture Sessions

Ciné Clinic I: Gastric Surgery, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. "Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass for Morbid Obesity," by Philip R. Schauer, MD, *Pittsburg, PA* and Kenneth K. W. Lee, MD, FACS, *Pittsburgh, PA*.

Wednesday, October 13

Cine Clinic II: Pediatric Surgery, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. "Thoracoscopic Assisted Resection for Giant Cervicothoracic Thymic Cyst," by Audie Woolley, MD, FACS, *Birmingham, AL*, and Keith E. Georgeson, MD, FACS, *Birmingham, AL*.

"Delivery Room Closure of Gastroschi-

sis," by Michael D. Klein, MD, FACS, *Detroit, MI*, Scott Langenberg, MD, *Detroit, MI*, and Paul T. Stockmann, MD, *Detroit, MI*.

Otolaryngology Motion Picture Session, 1:00 pm -3:00 pm.

"Endoscopic Resection of Nasal Encephalocele," by Vinod Anand, MD, FACS, *Jackson, MS*, and Adair Blackledge, MD, *Jackson, MS*.

Trauma Motion Picture Session: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.

"Damage Control in Vascular Trauma: A New Use for Intravascular Shunts," by Robert B. Ballard, MD, *Atlanta, GA*, Paul G. Newman, MD, *Atlanta, GA*, Jeffrey P. Salomone, MD, *Atlanta, GA*, Russell Ronson, MD, *Atlanta, GA*, Nicholas Namais, MD, *Atlanta, GA*, Walter Ingram, MD, *Atlanta, GA* and David V. Feliciano, MD, FACS, *Atlanta*.

Practice management consultation available this week

A Practice Management Consultation Booth is being sponsored this year by the College's Socioeconomic Affairs Department. Fellows with questions concerning practice management issues such as coding and reimbursement, group mergers, contract negotiations, and so on, are invited to visit the booth to make an appointment for a free consultation. Conomikes Associates, Inc., a highly regarded company in the field of practice management, will be providing free consultations during the week of the Clinical Congress.

The booth will be located at Moscone Center in the concourse connecting the North and South Halls. Fifteen-minute appointments will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm through Thursday, October 14.

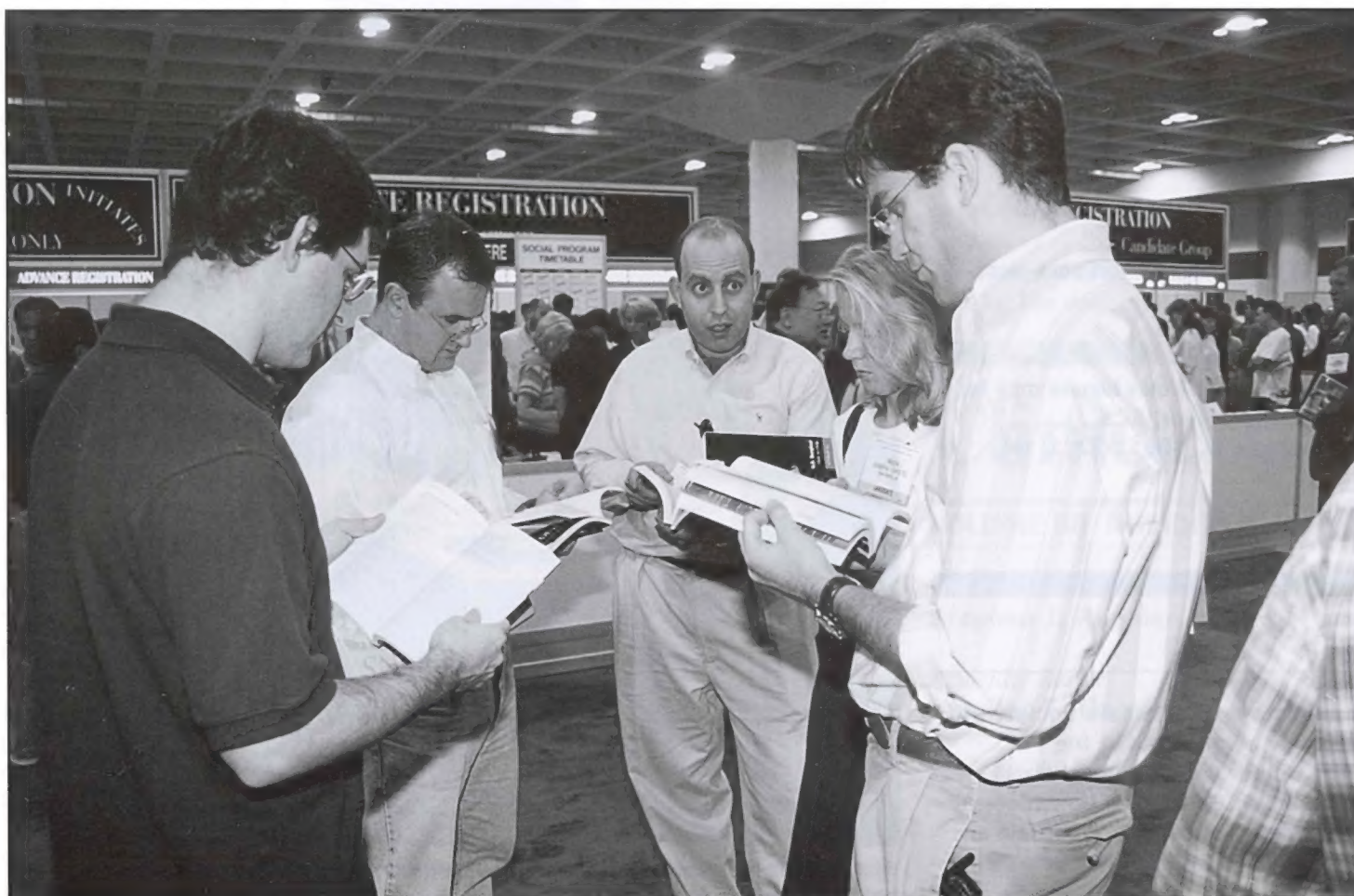
Fellows can also stop by the booth to register for any of the College's practice management or coding workshops that are scheduled for 1999 through 2000.



Visit the Practice Management Consultation Booth in the concourse connecting the North and South Halls of Moscone Center.



The Board of Regents gathered Saturday for their annual luncheon meeting. Pictured, front row, left to right: Edward R. Laws, Jr., Charlottesville, VA; Margaret F. Longo, Hot Springs, AR; Jack W. McAninch, San Francisco, CA; Roger S. Foster, Jr., Shelburne, VT; Harvey W. Bender, Jr., Nashville, TN; Richard R. Sabo, Bozeman, MT; Paul E. Collicott, Lincoln, NE; and William H. Coles, Boston, MA. Middle row: David L. Nahrwold, Chicago, IL; Gerald B. Healy, Boston, MA; Ronald E. Rosenthal, New Hyde Park, NY; Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FACS, Montreal, PQ; C. James Carrico, Dallas, TX; and Thomas R. Russell, San Francisco, CA. Back row: Edward M. Copeland III, Gainesville, FL; Maurice J. Webb, Rochester, MN; and Bernard Langer, Toronto, ON. (Not pictured: Mary McGrath.)



Registration totals

Moscone Center's registration area proves a successful meeting and planning arena for surgeons attending the many offerings at the 85th Congress.

As of Monday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 14,921; 7,226 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.